St Mary's Newsletter

Summer 2 week 2

Week beginning Monday 8th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and enjoyable week at St Mary's. We were delighted to watch our Nursery assembly this week. The children performed brilliantly and made us all very proud with their confidence and enthusiasm.

Our Reception children had a fantastic day at the Early Years Festival at Bute House, taking part in exciting science experiments, launching rockets, creating minibeasts, enjoying interactive storytelling and meeting a variety of fascinating creatures. It was a wonderful day of discovery and learning. Meanwhile, Year 3 enjoyed a memorable visit to St Paul's Cathedral, bringing their learning to life through this special experience.

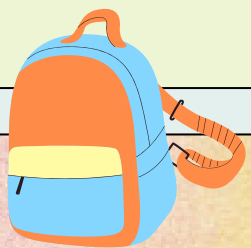
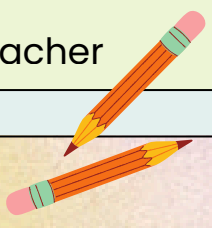
As we look ahead to our Summer Fair, please remember to purchase your raffle tickets for a chance to win some fantastic prizes whilst supporting the school. We are also still looking for parent volunteers to help run the Hook-a-Duck stall or assist with serving drinks and refreshments. If you are able to help, please contact the school office.

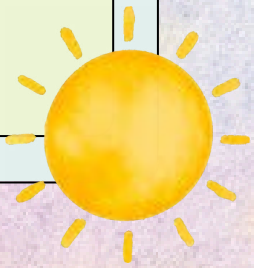
Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing many of you at the Summer Fair.

With every blessing,

Miss Black

Headteacher



Prayer and Liturgy

Anaya - Reception

A gentle reminder to families that when your child takes home the class prayer book, we would love for you to send in a photo of them sharing this special time of prayer.

If your child has also celebrated milestones such as First Holy Communion, please do share these special moments with us too. These photographs help us joyfully celebrate and showcase the rich Catholic life of our school community and the important partnership between home, school and parish in nurturing faith.

Prayer and Liturgy

We were delighted to share these photographs of Omari meeting the former Archbishop of Westminster. This was a very special occasion and a memorable experience for him. Meeting a senior leader of the Catholic Church provided a wonderful opportunity to witness the wider Catholic community in action and to deepen his understanding of faith, service and leadership.

Experiences such as these help our children to recognise that they are part of something much bigger than our school family, strengthening their sense of belonging to the Church and inspiring them to live out the Gospel values in their daily lives. We are very proud of Omari for representing our school community so well.

Year 5 - Father Richard Visit

Year 5 were delighted to welcome Father Richard from our local parish, who spoke to the children about why the Church helps Christians to interpret Scripture. He explained that the Bible is made up of many books written by different authors who were inspired by God, and helped the children understand how the Church guides us in understanding God's message. The session provided a valuable opportunity to deepen our faith and strengthen our understanding of the Bible and Catholic teaching.

"I learnt that there are 73 books in the bible (46 in Old Testament and 27 in New Testament). I enjoyed how we got to learn about the history of the bible and how it has turned into the bible we use today." Naod

Pope Leo Magnifica Humanitas

Pope Leo XIV has recently published his first encyclical, Magnifica Humanitas: On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence. As we begin our Catholic Social Teaching focus on Human Dignity, we encourage our school community to reflect on the Pope's call to use technology responsibly, uphold the dignity of every person, and work for the common good. His message reminds us to remain rooted in Gospel values and to recognise the unique worth of every human being in a rapidly changing world.

If you require a copy of the encyclical you can find it by clicking the link.

Nursery's Class Assembly

Nursery class gave a truly special and memorable first ever class assembly, based on Jesus meets Zacchaeus. The children confidently took part in joyful re-enactments, using expressive voices and showing fantastic enthusiasm throughout. They proudly shared their learning from across the year, including photos that beautifully showed how much they have grown and changed since September. It was a heart-warming celebration of their progress, confidence, and achievements, and a very proud milestone for our youngest children.

Fulham FC Women – Capital Women's Trophy

We were delighted to welcome Matt from the Fulham FC Foundation to our school, who brought along the Capital Women's Cup trophy recently won by Fulham FC Women. In a whole-school assembly, Matt shared the team's journey to success and answered pupils' questions about their incredible achievements. Fulham Women completed an unbeaten season and lifted the Capital Women's Cup – a fantastic accomplishment. It was especially exciting for our children as Coach Beau, who has supported PE lessons and worked with our Year 5/6 girls' football team, was part of the successful squad. We are very grateful to the Fulham FC Foundation for giving our pupils the opportunity to see the trophy and be inspired by such a positive success story in women's football.

"The trophy made me feel very shocked as I wasn't expecting it to be that big. I hope that one day I will win a trophy like that."
Venice-Rose - Year 5

Year 6 Trip to Army Museum

Year 6 enjoyed an exciting trip to the National Army Museum in Chelsea as part of their World War II History learning. During an interactive workshop on The Blitz, the children shared their knowledge and learnt how the bombing campaign affected people across the United Kingdom. They explored different types of air-raid shelters, including Anderson shelters, discovered how Underground stations were used during the war, and deepened their understanding of evacuees. The children also handled real wartime artefacts and tried on replica items, helping to bring their classroom learning to life.

"I really enjoyed dressing up in WWII costumes as part of the Auxillary Nurses Section." Oscar

"Learning about the Blitz in WWII was exciting because we got to dress up." Auriel

Year 3 Trip to St Paul's Cathedral

Year 3 had a fantastic visit to St Paul's Cathedral, where they learned about its history, architecture and religious significance with the help of their knowledgeable guide, Terry. The children explored beautiful mosaics depicting the Creation story, discovered areas not usually open to the public, and even saw a staircase featured in famous films. A highlight of the day was climbing nearly 400 steps to the dome, including the Whispering Gallery and Stone Gallery, where they enjoyed spectacular views of London's famous landmarks. It was a memorable trip that brought their learning to life.

EYFS Festival at Bute House

Reception had a wonderful time on their trip to Bute House School for the Early Years Festival this week. The children enjoyed a range of exciting hands-on activities, including a science workshop where they explored pushes, pulls, energy and simple chemical reactions. They were fascinated by the experiments and loved making and launching their own rockets.

The children also created their own minibeasts, joined in enthusiastically with an interactive storytelling session and had the opportunity to observe and hold a variety of fascinating creatures, including a giant African snail. Throughout the day, the children showed great curiosity, confidence and enthusiasm for learning. The trip also helped them to appreciate the wonder of God's creation and the importance of caring for the natural world. The day ended with a packed lunch and a well-deserved ice cream, leaving everyone with lots of happy memories from a fantastic experience.

Free Cricket Sessions at Chiswick House Cricket Club

Middlesex in the Community (the charitable arm of Middlesex County Cricket Club) is offering free cricket sessions starting 15th June at Chiswick House Cricket Club.

The sessions will run on Monday evenings for 8 weeks and are open to all abilities—whether your child is new to cricket or has played before.

We encourage families to take advantage of this fantastic opportunity to learn new skills, stay active, and have fun.

For more information or to register, please contact:

MITC@middlesexccc.com

Power your play

dynamoscricket.co.uk

Join us at:

Chiswick House Cricket Ground, W4, 2RP

Session dates:

Monday evenings, starting Monday 15th June 2026

Session timings:

6-7pm

Contact:

Please email MITC@middlesexccc.com to sign up!

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St Mary's SUMMER FAIR

Games

Face paint

BBQ

Bouncy castle

Splat the teacher

Fulham football club

FRIDAY 19TH JUNE

3:30-6pm

£1 per family to enter

Pay at the door

Nursery

What a fantastic week it has been in Nursery! The children were absolute stars in their very first class assembly and impressed everyone with their confidence and enthusiasm. They have also loved exploring the new Supermarket Role Play Corner and serving customers in the Ice Cream Shop by the sand pit. During circle time, the children enjoyed singing their favourite nursery rhymes, and in R.E. they listened to the story of Jesus Meets Zacchaeus, learning about kindness, friendship and how Jesus welcomes everyone.

Reception

Reception have had a fantastic week. A highlight was their visit to Bute House School for the Early Years Festival, where they enjoyed a range of exciting hands-on activities. Back in class, the children learned about Saints Peter and Paul, explored the world of minibeasts, and worked hard in phonics focusing on new digraphs. They also had great fun developing their balance, climbing and yoga skills during gymnastics.

Year 3

In RE, Year 3 explored the links between the First Passover and Jesus' Last Supper. Using their knowledge of both stories, the children compared their similarities and differences before creating beautiful watercolour artwork to illustrate the connections between these important events and deepen their understanding of their significance in the Christian faith.

Year 4

Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed their swimming lesson this week, where they practised important water skills such as floating, gliding and developing their swimming techniques. The children showed great confidence and determination in the pool, and a group of pupils particularly impressed everyone with their fantastic jumps and dives.

Year 5

In Art, Year 5 began an artist study of Henri Matisse, one of the most influential artists of the twentieth century. The children explored his life and work, learning how he used bold colours, simplified shapes and expressive compositions to communicate feelings and emotions. They analysed several of his famous artworks, discussing the mood and impact of each piece, before creating their own careful copies inspired by Matisse's distinctive style.

Year 6

Year 6 enjoyed an immersive art afternoon this week as part of their study of Impressionism. They learned about famous artists including Claude Monet, Edgar Degas and Pierre-Auguste Renoir before trying their own en plein air painting, a technique used by Impressionist artists to capture scenes from real life outdoors. The children thoroughly enjoyed creating their own artwork inspired by these famous painters.

Congratulations!

We are delighted to share the wonderful news that our Headteacher, Miss Black, and her partner, Henry, are expecting a baby girl later this year!

We warmly congratulate them both and send our very best wishes as they prepare to welcome their little daughter into the world. We are thrilled for them and wish them every happiness as they begin this exciting new chapter.

Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance
Reception

House points

1st place TM 164
2nd place A 134
3rd place E 108
4th place JF 96

Punctuality
Reception & Y5

Green stickers
Y3 & Y4

Awards

Gabriella Y3
Mariya Y4

Eldana Y4

Star of the week

No Star of the Week due to Nursery's Class Assembly

SAVE THE DATE

Friday 19th June - 9am	Father's Day Breakfast
Friday 12th June - 9am	Nursery Assembly
Friday 19th June	School closes at 1.15pm to allow time for set up for summer fair
Friday 19th June	Summer Fair 3:30-6:30pm Art Exhibition during Fair
Friday 3rd July	Y5 Assembly 9.00am
Monday 6th July	Transition afternoon for all classes at 2pm to meet thier new teachers. Reception stay and play for new families 2pm.
Wednesday 8th July	SPORTS DAY. KS1 in the morning and KS2 in the afternoon at St Pauls Playing fields.
Thursday 9th July	EYFS Sports Day in School Playground
Friday 10th July	Y6 Leavers Assembly 9am
Friday 10th July	Y6 Prom 4-6pm
Monday 13th July	Y6 Leavers Production
Tuesday 14th July	Reception and Y2 Graduation 2.30pm
Thursday 16th July	Y6 leavers Mass 9.30am
Friday 17th July	School closes at 1:15pm